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SUBJ: AECB/NRC/ERDA MEETING, OTTAWA, FEBRUARY 11, 1976

1. AS YOU KNOW, ON FEBRUARY 11 YOUR COMBINED TEAM
HEADED BY COLLINS FOR NRC AND ZINTZ FOR ERDA ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIALS
FROM WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK STATES MET FOR THE FIRST TIME
WITH AECB AND COUNTERPART PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS TO CONSIDER
THE SUBJECT OF CANADIAN/AMERICAN COOPERATION IN THE FIELD
OF RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS. I WAS PLEASED TO
LEARN THEY HAVE MADE REAL PROGRESS ON THE PROBLEM WHEN I
ARRIVED BECAUSE, AS IT RELATES TO CANADA, THIS IS NOT AN
ACADEMIC EXERCISE. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME REAL PROBLEMS IN
THIS AREA FOR SOME TIME, THOUGH FORTUNATELY NONE OF THE IN-
CIDENTS HAVE, SO FAR, BEEN OF A NATURE COMPARABLE TO THOSE
WHICH MUST BE PLANNED FOR IN THE CASE OF MAJOR NUCLEAR INSTAL-
LATIONS. GIVEN PROXIMITY AND THE EXISTING AND PLANNED LOCATION
OF MAJOR NUCLEAR FACILITIES IN CANADA AND THE UNITED
STATES, THIS COOPERATION IS AS ESSENTIAL TO AMERICAN AS TO
CANADIAN INTERESTS.

2. THE MEETING DEVELOPED A CONSIDERABLE LIST OF MATTERS RE-
QUIRING FURTHER STUDY AND FORMALIZATION WHICH HAS NO DOUBT
BEEN REPORTED TO YOU BY NOW. IN PURSUING ITEMS ON THIS LIST,
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LOWING:

A. THE COMPILATION OF A DETAILED LIST OF FEDERAL, STATE/PROVINCIAL, AND LOCAL OR MUNICIPAL AGENCIES WHICH WOULD BECOME INVOLVED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDERS IN THE EVENT OF A MAJOR TRANSBORDER INCIDENT AT A NUCLEAR POWER STATION.

B. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WORKING GROUP TO EXAMINE THE KINDS OF AGREEMENTS WHICH WOULD BE NECESSARY AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO FACILITATE COOPERATION IN THE EVENT OF INCIDENT. IN THIS CONNECTION FIRST CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE DESIRABILITY OF SOME FORM OF INTERIM ARRANGEMENT PENDING THE CONCLUSION OF MORE DEFINITE AGREEMENTS.

C. ACTIVATION OF THE WORKING GROUP CHARGED WITH ESTABLISHING DETAILED RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING NOTIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION TO REPLACE PRESENT INTERIM PRODECURES WHICH ARE INADEQUATE, ESPECIALLY AT THE STATE/PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL LEVELS.
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